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Miskolc

1. Prior to 12 August 1950 a motorized artillery unit was located in the Szondy Barracks, formerly Artillery Barracks, on the eastern side of Baross Gabor Street, north of the Miskolc (R 49/J 87) main railroad station. Lieutenant Somosvari (fnu) of the unit [] in early August 1950, [] had been assigned to the unit's regimental headquarters. 25X1
2. In late November 1949 one of the [] refugees was inducted into the motorized artillery unit but was discharged after seven days. At that time the barracks quartered about 600 recruits who were being distributed among the batteries. About 24 mortars of approximately 120 mm caliber stood in the barracks yard at that time. No artillery pieces were seen. On the occasion of a ceremony about 21 November 1949 Major General Gyorgy Porffy appeared in the barracks. Captain Ferenc Juhasz, [] was identified as a battery commander of the artillery unit prior to April 1950. (1) 25X1
3. The Rudolf Barracks on Zsolcai kapu (gate), opposite Malinovski Street, were vacant. Intensive construction work was under way in the installation. (2)
4. One section of the former military hospital north of the Rudolf Barracks was destroyed. The repaired section housed a junior high school.
5. The Franz Josef or Cavalry Barracks on the northern side of Szeles Street were not occupied by troops. The installation housed a government-controlled shipping enterprise, a hostel for apprentices and several private firms. (3)
6. The Tancsics Mihaly Barracks, formerly Ilona or 7th AAA Regt Barracks, were occupied by border guard troops who wore garrison-type caps with a green band. The installation is on the northern side of Szeles Street, east of the Franz Josef or Cavalry Barracks. (4)

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7. The Petoofi Barracks, former 104th AAA Regt Barracks, on the northern town perimeter and on the eastern side of the road to Szentpeter (R 49/J 89) were occupied by AAA troops who wore red service color with white pipings. [redacted]

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[redacted] It was said that heavy artillery was also located in the installation. (5)

8. The former 7th Army Corps building on the western side of Csabai kapu, in the southern town sector, housed the 34th Recruiting Office.
9. The military post ration supply depot on the northern side of Szeles Street, between the Tancsics Barracks and the former Cavalry Barracks, was guarded by troops with red service color from the unit in the Szondy Barracks. The depot was in good condition. (6)
10. An ammunition depot was located at Hill 207, 2.2 km northwest of Miskolc. The installation was intact but not used in the fall of 1949. Another ammunition depot was at topographic point 251, south of the Havag Ironworks southwest of the town. It consisted of six one-story buildings, each about 50 meters long. In May 1950 the depot was guarded by artillerymen from the Szondy Barracks.

Komarom

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11. [redacted] 1st Hussar Regt in Komarom (P 48/Y 75) [redacted]
[redacted] The regiment was being activated at that time. There were only young officers and NCOs who had just graduated from training schools. Many of them wore the triangular badge of the Hessuth Academy on their left sleeve. (7)

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Nagykanizsa

12. [redacted] the 8th Rifle Regt in Nagykanizsa (Y 4/A 26). [redacted]
[redacted] an infantry officers' school was located in Nagykanizsa, a horse-drawn artillery officers' school in Varpalota (P 48/D 89) and a motorized artillery officers' school in Hajmasker (P 48/D 79). (9)

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Induction procedure

13. [redacted] only a contingent of the 1929 class would be called up for military service in the fall of 1950. The remainder of the 1929 class and contingents of the 1930 class were due for induction in the spring of 1951. The induction procedure had been changed to the effect that those subject to the draft were inducted without previously reporting to the draft board and, following a medical examination, were immediately assigned to a unit. (10)

14. [redacted] Three 400-man groups of draftees arrived there on the following days. After a medical examination most of the recruits were shipped out to units of various branches of service.

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15. [redacted] after October 1949 the inductees would have to serve three years instead of the previous two-year term. (11)

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[] Comments.

- 25X1 (1) Prior to February 1950 motorized and horse-drawn artillery units were repeatedly reported in the Szondi Barracks. [] The present report indicates that the installation quartered a motorized mortar regiment which belongs to the artillery arm. Major General Gyorgy Porffy was Inspector-General of Hungarian Artillery.
- 25X1 (2) An infantry battalion was observed in the "udolf Barracks in July 1949. [] It may have been a guard unit.
- (3) The Franz Josef Barracks allegedly housed a motor transport unit with about 40 trucks of various makes in July 1949. The unit may have been mistaken for the government-controlled shipping enterprise mentioned in the present report.
- (4) The information is considered a confirmation of the 2d Border Guard in which has long been identified in Miskolc. [] 25X1
- (5) The Petoefi Barracks allegedly quartered the 101st Itz arty Regt in July 1949 and an AAA Battalion in February 1950. [] 25X1
- Troops of the two branches of service were confirmed in the installation by the present report. However, it is possible that the 101st Itz Arty Regt, which was previously identified there, and the 101st AAA Regt are identical.
- 25X1 (6) The ration supply depot on Szeles Street has been known since the summer of 1949. []
- (7) A cavalry unit was observed in Komarom as late as March 1950. [] 25X1
- It may have been the 1st Hussar Regt.
- (8) Information from Nagykanizsa prior to December 1949 did not indicate the presence of an infantry regiment and a division headquarters. However, it is possible that, in view of the tension between Tito-Yugoslavia and the Cominform-controlled countries, the military post of "agykanizsa may have been reinforced in 1950.
- (9) It is doubted that the officers' schools exist in the towns indicated.
- (10) The 1929 class was due for induction in the fall of 1950. If press reports stating that the draft age was fixed at 20 years are correct, the 1930 class would also be due for induction. It is possible that contingents of both classes were called up for military service.
- (11) It is doubted that the term of service with the army should have been extended. However, it is probable that the service with the Border Guard Corps, which is controlled by the AVH (State Security Department), may have been extended to three years. [] 25X1

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